

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 15

January 13, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, codifies portions of the response to instruction and intervention (RTI²) framework relative to Tier II or Tier III interventions for students in grade kindergarten through five (K-5) and assessments of students receiving intervention. Requires a student to be retained if certain participation requirements are not met.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under the RTI² framework, students receive screenings three times during the school year, and if identified as needing intervention, participate in an intervention program throughout the school year.
- LEAs currently receive funding to support the implementation of RTI².
- LEAs are required to adopt a promotion and retention policy for students in grades kindergarten through eight (K-8) that complies with policies established by the State Board of Education and the additional requirements set forth within Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3115 relative to promotion of students in the third grade; the additional retention requirement contained in the proposed legislation is not expected to significantly increase overall retention.
- The Covid-19 pandemic has interrupted education delivery by creating school closures and necessitating online instruction; therefore, an increase in student learning loss and remediation is expected.
- It is assumed that some level of remediation for all students will occur during core instruction periods; therefore, while an increase in RTI² interventions may result, any increase can be accommodated within existing resources.
- Any local effect on promotion and retention resulting from the proposed legislation will be not significant.
- No change to the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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